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- 1. General Manuel Odria has recently consulted Daniel A. Camino Brent, former director of El Peruano and Director of Publicity for the Ministry of Government, concerning the Government's propaganda and information organization.
- 2. Odria expressed dissatisfaction with the Ministry of Foreign Relations because it had no up-to-date information files on other countries. This lack caused him difficulties in getting information which he wanted quickly. Odria also complained that the Government's press relations were not coordinated, and that therefore rival ministries were issuing contradictory statements.
- 3. Odria requested Camino's aid in modernizing the Government's information and propaganda organization. The general stated that he believed that Peru should look to Argentine experience for guidance and assistance, since Argentine traditions, problems, and difficulties were similar to those of Peru. He requested that Camino go to Buenos Aires to study Peron's propaganda and information service and return with recommendations for Peru.
- 4. Odria discussed the question of Peruvian Labor Attaches similar to those now attached to several Argentine Embassies abroad. He admitted that he had not yet obtained the degree of coordination between labor and the State which he desired. He felt, therefore, that the appointment of Peruvian Labor Attaches would be premature, but he looked forward to the day when that would be possible.
- 5. In planning the details of Camino's trip, Odria mentioned his regret at the resignation of Jose Quesada as Ambassador to Argentina, who, he said, was well informed on Argentine problems and capable of handling the Argentimes. He gave no indication to Camino that Quesada's successor had yet been selected.

